Don't forget to top up parent pay each week.

ST MARTINS SCHOOL

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

6 November 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope all our pupils, families and staff had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, ready for another **busy, positive and productive half term**.

As we move towards the end of term, we also have lots of exciting **Christmas activities and celebrations** to look forward to. Further information about these events will be shared with families very soon. We look forward to a fantastic half term together!



Children in Need – Friday 13 November - Next Friday, we will once again be supporting Children in Need, and we hope our pupils will join us in raising money for this fantastic charity.

PRIMARY—Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something yellow, spotty or Pudsey-themed, for a £1 donation.

SECONDARY—Pupils should wear full school uniform, but may add a spotty accessory, such as socks, a headband or bracelet. Please note that normal school uniform must still be worn.

Donations are £1 and CASH ONLY please. Donations will not be available through ParentPay. Thank you, as always, for your support!



We Will Remember Them—Next Wednesday, we will come together as a whole school for a period of remembrance. It will be an important opportunity for us to pause, reflect and pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed, and to consider the importance of remembrance for future generations.

During the week there will be the opportunity for staff parents and pupils to make donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; our student leaders Seb and Seren will be around school with items that can be bought for a small donation. (details overleaf)

We are excited to be introducing a new **SEN newsletter**, created especially for our parents and carers. Launching towards the end of this term and then shared every half term, it will bring together SEN updates, helpful information, support, guidance and useful resources for families.
Would you like to receive it? Simply complete the attached form and we'll add you to our mailing list.

SEN half termly Newsletter – Fill out form

Please avoid parking in the bus stop as this prevents the Arriva bus pulling in safely. Can I remind parents that there is no parking in Morlas Meadows; it is for residents only. There is no longer any parent parking available before or after school at Lens Plaice or The Keys.
Thankyou for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Pope

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Dates for the diary

HALF TERM 19 OCTOBER—30 OCTOBER—PD day 2 NOVEMBER

9 and 12 November—Primary Parents evening

13 November—Children in Need

16 November—GCSE mocks exams start

26 November—secondary flu vaccinations

27 November—mocks finish—YEAR 11 Taster days to ether Thomas Adams or North Shropshire College

7 and 8 December—year 4 parents evening

15 December—Whole school Christmas lunch

18 December—last day normal finish time

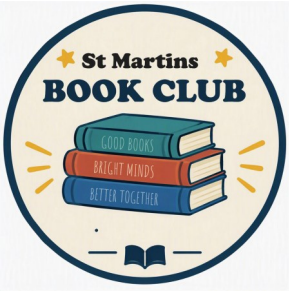
4 January—return to school for all

5 January—NURSERY RETURNS



We will be selling poppies and other items on behalf of the RBL Poppy Appeal. These will be available during break times. Suggested donations could be

- Standard Paper Poppy / Sticker: Any donation (50p).
- Pencils, Rubbers, Rulers, or Sharpeners: £1.50
- Zip Pulls / Reflective Bag Tags: £1.00
- Silicon Wristbands / Fabric Bracelets: £1.00
- Snap Bands / Slap Bands: £1.50



Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-YKL16VFS to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. The books are delivered to school for *FREE* and every order earns *FREE BOOKS* for our school.

To receive any items in time for Christmas, please place your **order online by November 27th, 2026**

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Well done to Erin Peterson and Teddy Hughes from year 7 who have completed their CID projects—making a fantastic shield as part of their history curriculum— CID projects are extended opportunities to learn and can be found on the school website

Register for The Wellbeing Hub

SCAN ME

Parents at St Martins School



Tuesday 3rd November – after school away Netball match against Sir John Talbot School, Whitchurch.

Year 7 Team: Nancy V (captain and player's player), Pollyanna L, Bonnie D, Ava WD, Erin P, Afia OS, Florence J, Jessica A. Lost 5-2. They played with more confidence as the match went on. Impressed with how new players coped with the competition and how they worked together as a team.

Year 8 Team: Keya H, Isabella HC, Ivy D, Cerys R, Princess D (captain), Momo S, Amy M, Evie L (player's player). Drew 6-6. Fantastic shooting from both Evie and Amy but of course the whole team from the goal keeper right down to their shooting end gave them service to be in the position to score. Total team effort. Handled the pressure brilliantly.

Wednesday 4th November – after school home Netball match against Dinas Bran, Llangollen.

Year 9 Team: Taylor T, Tegan T, Sienna W (captain), Amelia K, Poppy M, Jasmine C, Emma J, Rita T. Lost 10-12 but were coming back strong in the last quarter with consistent shooting from Taylor. Due to Dinas Bran having to leave the last quarter was cut short. Perhaps a rematch will happen. Well done to the players who made their debut and those who demonstrated great team work and professionalism.

Year 10 Team: Lia N (captain), Zara H, Lowri H, Violet TE, Daisy R, Mia R, Scarlett W, Amelia M, They played an outstanding, experienced squad of players and lost after battling on the court. Congratulations to them all for working as a team, showing resilience when they faced unbelievable pressure. Proud of the strength and character they showed in this match.

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U13 and U15 North Shropshire Netball Tournaments at Marches on Tuesday 13th October. Both teams played in their group stages but sadly did not win. They played against some very strong teams who play netball outside of school and at higher levels. They were impressive in how they stayed together as a team and supported each other despite how hard they games were for them. They definitely represented the school in a dignified and respectful manner. We should be proud of them for their resilience and courage to not give up when the going got tough.
U13 team were: Princess D (captain), Momo S (player's player), Evie L, Miley H, Indi H, Keya H, Matilda H and Isabella HC.
U15 team were: Zara H, Violet TE, Lia N (captain and player's player), Lowri H, Poppy H, Daisy R, Isabella D and Freya M.

Year 7 and Year 9 away Netball match at Lakelands on Wednesday 14th October.
Very competitive matches played by both teams. Very well done to the year 7 pupils in their first secondary school match. They handled the pressure well and finally gained more confidence by playing more assertively. They were 2-0 down in the first half. Final score 8-0. Next time they will work on taking their time before passing and coming forward to receive more. Year 7 players were: Nancy V (captain), Bonnie D (player's player), Erin P, Annabelle P, Rebecca W, Olivia W, Zuzanna G, Pollyanna L and Mya S.
The year 9's were up 0-2 at half time and continued to keep the pressure on securing a convincing win. Final score 0-5. Stand out moments were quality passing and some good interceptions. Year 8 players were: Maggie P (captain), Jasmine C (player's player), Tegan T, Taylor T, Jemima D, Emma J, Isla J and Rita T.